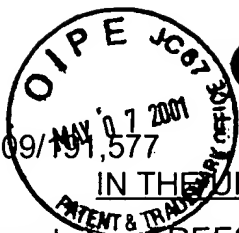


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2001. This is a request for a one month extension of time from April 4, 2001 to May 4, 2001. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00, the required fee for this extension of time.

Please consider this a petition to extend the time to respond if an additional extension of time is deemed necessary by the Office. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 if such additional extension is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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